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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PINT,US,SY

SUBJECT:MARRIAGE PETITIONS AND SYRIAN SSA

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1. SOLARZ IS BEING EXTREMELY RPT EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO US  
IN EFFORTS TO PRESERVE SYRIAN SSA AGAINST CRITICS ON THE  
HILL WHO WOULD LIKE TO PUNISH SYRIA FOR ITS ATTITUDE TO-  
WARDS THE SADAT INITIATIVE. WHILE HE PROBABLY CONSIDERS  
IT IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOTHING THAT WOULD CAUSE THE  
SYRIAN DOOR TO CLOSE ON EVENTUAL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, HIS  
HOPE FOR PROGRESS ON SYRIAN JEWRY IS CERTAINLY A FACTOR  
IN HIS ATTITUDE. IF WE COULD SEE SOME PROGRESS ON THE NEW  
MARRIAGE PETITIONS BY EARLY MAY, THIS COULD TRULY BE HELP-  
FUL TO OUR EFFORTS HERE.

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2. FOR THESE REASONS, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MOST URGENT  
COMMENTS ON: (A) WHAT TO DO ABOUT GETTING OVER THE HUMP  
OF THE SYRIAN EMBASSY'S REFUSAL TO CERTIFY THE PETITIONS  
PENDING O.K. FROM DAMASCUS; (B) WHETHER SHALOM SHOULD PRO-  
CEED ON HIS PLANNED TRIP TO DAMASCUS THIS WEEKEND IN THE  
LIGHT OF THAT DEVELOPMENT.

3. I AM GOING TO HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART TALK WITH KABBANI ON MARCH 3 AT ONE OF OUR REGULAR LUNCHES. HE IS SO PASSIONATELY ANTAGONISTIC TO SOLARZ THAT I HESITATE TO ALLUDE TO THE HELPFUL ROLE SOLARZ HAS BEEN PLAYING IN SYRIA'S INTERESTS, AND OURS. HE SUGGESTED TO ME THAT, AS REGARDS THE PETITIONS, YOU MIGHT SEE WHAT YOU COULD DO ON YOUR END BY TALKING TO SHOEFI, OR AL KHANY, IF HE IS THERE. AT THE MOMENT, I AM LEANING TOWARDS SENDING YOU THE PETITIONS WITHOUT THE SYRIAN EMBASSY CERTIFICATION WHICH, AFTER ALL, IS NOT WHAT REALLY COUNTS. EVEN WITHOUT CERTIFICATION, SHALOM COULD PRESENT THEM WITH TOUTAH TO THE APPROPRIATE SYRIANS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU COULD GET TO ME BY SOME TIME MARCH 2.

5. SHALOM, HIS WIFE AND MOTHER ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON PAKISTANI AIRLINES FLIGHT 718 FROM ATHENS AT 11:50 PM, SATURDAY, MARCH 4. SHALOM ASKS THAT SOMEONE MEET HIM IF POSSIBLE. SHALOM HAD EARLIER ASKED TOUTAH TO GET HIM ROOMS AT THE MERIDIAN HOTEL. EMBASSY MIGHT CHECK THESE RESERVATIONS. VANCE

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